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Applicant : Kelly G. AMMANN et al.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 11, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above application based on the following amendments and remarks. This Response is timely filed on January 11, 2007.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.